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SUBJ: MEETING OF LATIN AMERICAN FONMINS - MEXICAN
VIEWS

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH ARA AREA ADVISER, MANUEL TELLO, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN MEXICAN FOREIGN MINISTRY, MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON UPCOMING BOGOTA MEETING OF LA FONMINS. (TELLO IS ACCOMPANYING FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA, WHO IS HERE THIS WEEK PRIMARILY ON SUBJECT OF UNGA RESOLUTION ON DRAFTING CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES.)

2. TELLO ANTICIPATED THAT FONINS WILL TAKE UP 8 OR 10 TOPICS -- ALL RELATING TO LA-US RELATIONS -- IN HOPES OF ARRIVING AT CONSENSUS FOR PRESENTATION TO US. HE SAID MEXICANS HAD SUGGESTED TO COLOMBIAN FONMIN VASQUEZ THAT FOLLOWING THREE TOPICS BE INCLUDED: (A) PANAMA CANAL; (B) TRANSFER
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OF TECHNOLOGY; AND (C) ACTIVITIES OF MULTILATERAL CORP-

ORATIONS. HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT SUBJECTS HAD BEEN SUGGESTED BY OTHER COUNTRIES, BUT THOUGHT THESE MIGHT INCLUDE US POLICY TOWARD CUBA, SOVEREIGNTY OVER NATURAL RESOURCES, CONDITIONAL ASSISTANCE, ETC.

3. ON PANAMA CANAL QUESTION, TELLO SAID MEXICANS WILL SUGGEST THAT FONMINS URGE US TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE SATISFACTORY SOLUTION.

4. TELLO SAID MEXICANS CONSIDER FONMINS MEETING TO BE COMPLETELY SEPARATE FROM OAS SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REFORMING INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM, AS THEY LOOK ON FORMER AS MEANS FOR ALL OF LATIN AMERICA TO ARRIVE AT CONSENSUS ON PROBLEMS WITH US, WHILE LATTER IS STRICTLY AN OAS AFFAIR. HE DID NOT SEEM PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED WITH IDEA THAT MANY OF SAME QUESTIONS ARE AT ROOT OF PROBLEMS BEING ENCOUNTERED BY OAS SPECIAL COMMITTEE, AND HE SAW NO REASON WHY LATTER SHOULD NOT PROCEED WITH LIMA SESSION WITHOUT AWAITING OUTCOME OF FONMINS MEETING AND LATER MEETING WITH SECRETARY. (ON OTHER HAND, GUATEMALAN OAS PERM REP CASTILLO ARRIOLA, WHO IS NOW DIVIDING HIS TIME AS ACTING HEAD OF GUATEMALAN UNGA DELEGATION, TOLD ARA AREA ADVISER THAT GREAT MAJORITY OF LAS DELEGATIONS FELT IT MADE NO SENSE TO GO AHEAD WITH LIMA SESSION UNTIL RESULTS OF FONMINS MEETING COULD BE DIGESTED BUT THAT NONE HAD THE COURAGE TO LOCK HORNS WITH THE PERUVIANS OVER A POSTPONEMENT.)

5. IN REFERRING TO FONMINS MEETING AS ONE OF ALL LAS RATHER THAN JUST OAS COUNTRIES, TELLO SAID MEXICO HOPED GUYANA WOULD ATTEND, ALTHOUGH HE RECOGNIZED THIS WOULD REQUIRE VENEZUELAN CONSENT SINCE MEETING WOULD OPERATE BY CONSENSUS. HE THOUGHT OTHER LAS WOULD BE AGREEABLE, WITH POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF GUATEMALANS WHO MIGHT HAVE SOME RESERVATIONS BECAUSE OF FALLOUT EFFECT ON BELIZE QUESTION. (TELLO DID NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTION BAHAMAS.) HE ADDED THAT MEXICO WOULD LIKE TO SEE AN END TO GUYANA'S EXCLUSION FROM OAS AS WELL AS FROM TREATY OF TLATELOLCO, AND THAT MEXICO WOULD PURSUE THE LATTER WITH VENEZUELA.

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6. TELLO REMARKED THAT MEXICO ALSO WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO CUBAN PARTICIPATION IN BOGOTA MEETING, BUT REALIZED THAT THIS WOULD PROBABLY BE IMPOSSIBLE UNDER CONSENSUS PRINCIPLE IN VIEW OF OPPOSITION OF SEVERAL LAS, IN ADDITION TO WHICH THIS WOULD PROBABLY GIVE PROBLEMS TO COLOMBIAN HOSTS SINCE LATTER DO NOT HAVE RELATIONS WITH CUBA.

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